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Senior Chelsea Miller, right, participated in the Middle East Studies Program in the fall. "The best experiences of the semester range from really getting to know the Egyptian culture to traveling to four other countries," she said. Above, Miller is pictured with one of her Egyptian host families.

Record number study abroad

TRICIA MILLER

News editor

A record number of Olivet students are studying abroad this year in places ranging from China to Australia to Washington, D.C.

Including summer and fall 2003 and spring 2004, 35 students participated in study abroad programs. Eleven went during fall semester, and 19 are gone now, according to Dr. Bill Dean, who serves as a contact person for several of the programs. Though no accurate way had been available to tabulate statistics, Dean believes the previous high was 22 students.

Students who participated in the fall enthusiastically encouraged their peers to do the same.

Steve Case, a junior physical science major from Michigan,

participated in the Oxford Honours Programme in the fall.

"I would recommend it to anyone and everyone, regardless of their major," he said, adding that the credits counted toward his writing minor. "I think it's important to get outside of our comfort zones and reexamine our roots from a bit of a different perspective."

A senior political science major, Mandy Stephenson, agreed. The Illinois native spent her fall semester in Cairo for the Middle East Studies Program (MESP). Stephenson's best memory was working in a Missionaries of Charity Orphanage started by Mother Teresa.

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Capitol Hill Gang to pursue a deeper level

NIKI CLARK

News writer

In its continued efforts to inform the campus of current political and world issues, Olivet's political science group, the Capitol Hill Gang (CHG), hosted the Feb. 12 "Know Your Candidates" debate in a packed-out Wisner Auditorium.

The mock debate served as a creative way for CHG to bring students up-to-date on the specific platforms of each of the Democratic Party's 2004 presidential nominees, as well as President Bush's. The evening's debate was formatted in a way that allowed each of the candidates, played by students involved in CHG, to debate four of the hottest topics being discussed among actual candidates in the current Democratic primaries: the candidates' vision for America, future policies and plans for the economy, the war on Iraq and gay marriage.

More than half of the debate was strategically devoted to giving the audience an opportunity to interact with the candidates. Posing questions of clarification to the can-

didates, expressing concern on some topics, and occasionally throwing in a few heated comments to voice their own opinions, students showed increased enthusiasm "to break out of the college bubble and become further involved in current issues of our world," according to CHG president Mike Podguski, a senior political science major.

"In the next 80 days or so [the rest of this semester] we really want to take [CHG] to another level. We want to get past the surface stuff to where we can address the deeper issues of injustice, persecution and what a Christian's ultimate concern should be in our world," Podguski said.

One of the ways CHG is seeking to achieve that deeper level is through "Periogue," the club's student-produced academic journal which serves as an open forum for the interchange of ideas and opinions. The Latin term, literally meaning "turning point," is more than just a title for the publication but has become a symbol of the deeper level



Posing as Representative Dennis Kucinich, Kandice Arwood, looks on as Nate Hinkle, or Howard Dean, second from left, presents his opening point to a packed crowd in Wisner Auditorium during the Capitol Hill Gang's debate on Feb. 12. Also pictured are Paul Goldsmith, an adviser to the president, and George W. Bush, played by Mike Podguski.

CHG hopes to reach.

The Periogue web address is: <http://www.angelfire.com/blog/periogue/index.html>

CHG has been present on Olivet's campus for several years, but has had its ups and downs. In

2002, the club received a needed face-lift after Dr. David Van Heemst, the faculty sponsor of CHG, offered the current club president the opportunity to take the reigns and bring the club back into the foreground of campus life.

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Marching band in works for fall 2004

JENNY GRAVES

News writer

For the first time in Olivet history, live music will be heard from the football field due to the formation of a marching band. In the fall, the band will perform at home football games and selected away games, band exhibitions, parades and special events. Students with experience on flute, clarinet, alto and tenor sax, trumpet, mellophone, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion or color guard can audition.

The band plans to perform three or four shows each year; however, no theme has yet been determined.

Prospective students have long informed department leaders that they would be interested in participating in a marching band if Olivet offered the opportunity.

"From my understanding, the proposal has come up before, but not having enough faculty to work with it was the major concern," said Dr. Neal McMullian, the music professor who will direct the new marching band.

Since McMullian's arrival at Olivet, the possibility was discussed

and proposed by the music department last year. According to McMullian, due to long-term interest, it was not difficult to convince the administration to approve the band. There were, however, some concerns.

"The obvious concern in starting a marching band is the initial cost for start-up. When the administration reviewed the costs and talked about funding for it, they felt very good about the proposal. Of course they are excited about having a new activity that is so unique to Christian colleges," McMullian said.

The color guard will perform with both flags and rifles. According to McMullian, "acceptable dancing" is an issue that every director worries about, not exclusively directors at Christian colleges.

To interested students, McMullian said, "This is your only opportunity to be a part of the Inaugural Year of the ONU Marching Band. This will be the beginning of a new tradition of excellence for Olivet's campus."

Students are encouraged to contact McMullian as soon as possible

to set up auditions because measurements for uniforms will be taken in March, along with orders for uniforms and instruments.

McMullian encourages those who were involved in marching band in high school, especially seniors, to get involved. He also wants students to stay in contact with him so that he can work to keep them informed about audition times, color guard tryouts, drum major tryouts, band camp plans and uniform sizing.

"Communication is always the most important aspect," he said.

Along with McMullian, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts/Music Don Reddick will work with the band.

"We will also be hiring percussion and auxiliary instructors for those units. It is important to stress that students will also be in leadership positions, from drum majors to section leaders to equipment and uniform crews," McMullian said.

For auditions, students must prepare a musical piece and exhibit their sight-reading skills. Current concert band members do not need to audition.

"Marching band is a

unique and wonderful experience that combines a high level of musicianship, interesting visual presentations, and a great sense of community within the band. It brings students in the band together in so many different levels," he said. "Also, within the Olivet community, it brings more identity to the university. It will add a unique aspect to every event in which it participates."

Students like Ryan Schultz, Noah Hansen, Sarah Manual, Alan White, Joe Hatton and Seth Burkey are already considering using their musical talents in this new endeavor.

"I believe that God gives us talents to use for Him. We can use everything to glorify Him. ... I always remind my students that the size of the audience never matters because we perform for an audience of one," McMullian said.

For more information or to borrow an instrument or music to "get back in shape," contact McMullian at ext. 5389 or email him at nmcnulli@olivet.edu with the following information: your name, campus phone, email address and instrument/auxiliary unit.

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English majors to be honored in Florida

TRICIA MILLER

News editor

Four members of Olivet's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, a national English honor society, will read their writing at the society's national convention at the end of March.

Senior Tiffany DeMint, who is president of Olivet's chapter, and junior Jenni Bast both had poems accepted. Senior Erin Laning's paper will also be read, and senior Karen Karhan wrote a paper that is up for an award.

Each of the four had to submit their writing, and a panel of professors from other schools and board members chose those that would be read at the convention. Any Sigma Tau Delta member can attend the convention. Held in a different location every year, this

year's convention will take place in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Karhan is the first member of the Olivet chapter to ever be nominated for an award at the convention. Her paper "Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway* and Michael Cunningham's Novel *The Hours*: A Veritable 'Garden of Forking Paths'" caused one juror to comment, "You write with clarity about complex narrative issues in multiple works."

"I'm really honored just to be nominated," said Karhan, who is an English major from South Euclid, Ohio.

DeMint, a Kankakee native, said this is the "first real poem" she had ever written. She got help from her older sister, a former Olivet student and fellow English major who is now a copy editor for Wiley Publishing.

Nineteen students study abroad this semester

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"Every week a few of the other students and I would travel to a very poor part of Cairo, where we fed, bathed, and played with abandoned children under the age of four," she said. "This time was something I looked forward to every week. The children I got to work with were adorable, and they are forever imprinted on my heart."

Dean noted that if students don't take advantage of the chance to study abroad while they're in college they may never get a comparable opportunity. He added that "disadvantages are few but significant."

"There is some cost. There is some risk," he commented. "And students often find that some friendships don't survive re-entry because they have changed."

"Being so far away from home while watching friendships and relationships fade away and end and not having any ability to do something about it made it tough," said Michael Podguski, a senior political science major who participated in the American Studies Program in the fall. "There were many moments when I received shocking news from home, and I felt so alone being so



Two fellow American Studies Program students join Olivet senior Mike Podguski, far right, in rubber band games at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., last semester. A record number of Olivet students like Podguski are participating in study abroad programs this year.

far away."

That's one risk students abroad now are just learning about. One of them is Jimmy Holman, a junior criminal justice major from Illinois, who says he applied for the Russia Studies Program "pretty much out of jealousy."

"A lot of my friends were going to be studying abroad, so I decided to look into the Russian program," said Holman, who hopes to go into international law.

Other students are in Washington, D.C., China, Martha's Vine-

yard, Mexico, Jerusalem, England, Australia and Costa Rica this semester. One student is enrolled in the semester at sea, a program that teaches aboard a ship that sails to countries including Brazil, South Africa and Vietnam.

Editor's note: If you are interested in studying abroad, contact your adviser or check out any of the following web sites: www.bestsemester.com, www.semesteratsea.com, or www.eduventure.net.

QUOTES

"While I was ringing in the New Year, Olivetians were in Wednesday morning chapel."

~Johnny Wakefield,
China Studies Program

"I wanted to learn Hebrew for my major, and what better place to learn it than Jerusalem?"

~Rebekah Hollenberg,
Jerusalem University

"I love Olivet more than one should. ... Despite how I love Olivet dearly, getting away from campus has been a great experience academically, socially, and spiritually."

~Jessica Allison,
American Studies Program

"Not having any Mexican food was pretty rough. Actually, having food without flavor at all was pretty bad."

~Christine D. Becker,
Oxford Honours Programme

"My best memory of the semester was when we were traveling to visit a missionary family in the most beautiful part of the copper canyon area. ... Everyone was just silent, completely in awe of God's creation."

~Jena Jones,
EduVenture Mexico

Olivet programmers place second, first

DON CANTON

News writer

On Saturday, Feb. 7, seven computer science majors, along with Dr. Cathy Bareiss of the Computer Science Department, headed to North Central College in Naperville for a computer programming competition.

Olivet sent two teams, an advanced team and a first year team. Members of the advanced team included Brian Baker, Daryl LaBar, Michael Shannon and Scott Smith, while the first-year team consisted of Ethan Parks, Jonathan Anderson and Tim Bentley.

Each student volunteered for this competition, and each had his own reasons for doing it.

"I participated in the programming competition to enrich my programming skills," said Baker.

Jonathon Anderson's reason was, "I always wanted to find out just how my programming ability measured up to that of others."

At the competition the teams had four hours to complete as many of the eight programming problems that were given to them as possible using only one computer. The teams were allowed to use C++ or Java, but Olivet's teams opted for Java since that is what is taught in Olivet's Principles of Programming courses.

The first thing that the teams did was to look at the problems and divide them up by difficulty. The teams wanted to get the easy ones done first before working on the harder ones. In addition, each member was assigned a problem to work on. While one person was programming on the computer the other team members could work out their problems on paper.

Each member tried to work out the problems on his own, but there was also a great need for teamwork.

As Bentley put it, "I learned how other people can figure out

problems that you can't figure out and catch your mistakes."

At the end of the day Olivet's advanced team took second place out of seven advanced teams, and the first-year team took first place by correctly solving all eight problems.

"To put this in perspective, the second place team finished three problems in the given time," commented Anderson.

While all of the students

were voluntarily participating, the competition also served as a great learning experience.

"My own ability to program is limited to my own experiences, but with the help of others I can be part of something worthwhile," stated Anderson.

LaBar joked that as a result of participating in the competition he learned that there are a lot of nerds out there.

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"I'm going to the Cayman Islands."

David Mitten, jr.

"I'm moving home and moving to Kansas City to start a new job."

Stephanie McNelly, sr.

So what happens next?

TRACY EDWARDS

Features writer

"You will not get a job when you graduate." That was the poster that hung over Jennifer Francis's desk her last semester here at Olivet. Jen graduated in December as a Communications major, double-concentrating in Corporate Communications and Journalism. Now she has a job at Burson-Marsteller Public Relations in Washington, D.C. So how did she get from thinking she would have no job to all of a sudden having a good job? Well, it wasn't easy.

Let's talk about all of the outside-of-Olivet experience this girl has had:

- Public relations at Provena Health in Bourbonnais
- Marketing at the Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery in Kankakee
- Journalism at the "Daily Journal" in Kankakee
- Public Relations at Fleishman-Hillard in San Francisco

Now, except for that last one, all of these businesses are located around Olivet. So you know what that means? That means that *you* can get experience outside of Olivet, too. In the Communications major, you are forced to take one internship. But Jen wants to encourage you to "reach beyond that and tap into all the resources

possible." The more you do that, the more people you meet. And in a field like Public Relations, networking is the key: job shadowing, calling companies, informational interviews, student societies. You can't just graduate college anymore. In the words of Jen, "Everyone has a degree."

So pay the money to attend a networking event. The atmosphere at an event like this is great. According to Jen, it is there that you get to meet the people that are living the dream you want to pursue. It was actually a PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) event that took Jen from here to San Francisco in order to get her summer public relations internship at Fleishman-Hillard. That was where she got to put together an entire Public Relations plan from start to finish. The client was AlphaSmart, a leading provider of technology solutions for education. The product was a lighter alternative to a laptop, and it was geared mostly towards teachers and educational administrators. Fleishman-Hillard's goal was to get word of the product to more papers and magazines. Jen's job was to find out what competitors were doing, brainstorm new ideas, plan, write parts of the plan, and then eventually present the plan to the client. This was great for her because she was finally doing

what she had studied and dreamed about doing for eight years.

That's right. Jen wanted to work in Public Relations since she was in junior high. Does anybody even know what Public Relations was in junior high? Apparently so because by eighth grade, Jen had already read a description of Public Relations on a career software program. That was when she first thought it sounded cool. When she read a book on it, she was hooked. She took sixty college credit hours while she was still in high school, and she worked at the Chamber of Commerce and at the newspaper in her area. Wow. With all that stuff going on in high school, and with all that stuff going on in college, did Jen ever have time to do anything else?

Well, not really. Jen had a few outside-of-school non-PR-related jobs. She worked at Fashion Bug and Paramount to name a couple, but she didn't stay at either of these places too long. You see, Jen never really liked regular jobs. She never did anything extracurricular while she was at Olivet either because she wanted to only do things that would directly impact her career choice. "You can't put that you were a member of Orpheus on a resume," she said. (Well, you could, but unless you are planning on singing all of your PR plans to your clients, it doesn't quite directly relate to this specific field.)

Jen wanted a resume with

hard evidence of all her capabilities. It was that resume along with a few writing samples that got Jen to where she is today, a Client Staff Assistant at a Burson-Marsteller. "It's a job that I could work a million hours a day and still wake up the next morning excited to go to work."

Jen is working on the first level of PR right now, working in technology accounts; but despite her entry-level position, she gets to do a lot of writing and a lot of research as she gets to know her clients on a more personal level.

She also gets to live on her own now, and you know what that means? That means she doesn't have to be spiritual anymore. Now don't take this the wrong way. Jen has tried out a few different churches in the past month that she has been in D.C., and she remains firm in her decision to follow Christ. But what's great now is that it is her own decision. She has no mandatory chapel. She doesn't *have* to go to church. (Not that any of us have to go to church now, but you probably know what Jen means when she says, "You don't want to go to lunch looking like you just woke up.") It's a challenge to keep your morals when they are not being forced upon you, but it's a good challenge, and it's not necessarily hard. Jen believes that "if you're driven to excel in your spiritual walk, then of course you'll put forth the effort to succeed."

Video games enhance male studies

DAN AUMILLER

Features writer

If you ask me, there is a direct link between a man's success as a student at Olivet and his dedication to the fine art of video games. Now, I know there are many dedicated female gamers, but let's face it, the gender as a whole is not nearly as dedicated to video games as males are. Let's analyze this amazing connection on the social level and the intellectual level in order to discover why video games are so beneficial to a man's college career.

Socially speaking, video games are possibly the last great male bonding ritual, comparable to a non-Jewish bar mitzvah where

no twelve-year-old boys are harmed. All men are drawn to virtual violence whether they are young or old, black or white, tall or short, athletes or nerds. During the first crucial weeks at Chapman when freshmen are expected to meet others, a rousing game of Halo is just as likely to make lifelong friends as a hearty handshake and actual conversation. When a new male is transferred into the tribe at semester, one of the first tests he must pass is one of video game aptitude. Only after proving his mettle can he become one of the tribe.

Far from the chest thumping of the social male, the intellectual male finds the video gaming experience highly stimulating. For these intelligent individuals, video games represent the ideal tool for honing the human brain to perfection. While engaged in video games, the male mind is not only required to find solutions for the problems encountered in the video game, but also to command the body to solve those problems with complex thumb-and-finger patterns. The senses must be alert, the mind must be ready and the bloodstream must be flowing with caffeine to provide the utmost

stimulation. Homework and books are but a paltry shadow of the intellectual genius of video games.

Today let every man who has been touched by the power of the video game offer up a humble salute to its power. After all, without video games our academics, employment, social lives and even girlfriends would be devoid of real meaning. Video games, through the power of Jesus Christ, can indeed save your immortal soul...or at least get you to level nine.

Note: These are the opinions of this writer and not necessarily those of the GlimmerGlass as a whole.

How I spent my fall semester

NICOLE CLASSEN

Features writer

If someone had told me four years ago that I would be living in the eastern European country of Romania for three months during my junior year, I would have told them that they were crazy! I had never even planned to leave the country for a spring break trip, let alone an entire semester! Then, during my freshman year, we had a study abroad chapel. I can only explain what happened to me in that chapel as God's spirit worked in me, and I left knowing that I was meant to go to Romania.

So I found myself standing in the Bucharest National Airport on September 3, 2003, and I will be very honest and say that I have never been more scared in my entire life. I remember being frozen, looking out of the windows onto this country that I would now be living in, and praying with all my might. I prayed that God would give me strength to get through this time. There is a saying that goes "Be care-

getting to know my host-family and dealing with all the confusion that speaking two different languages can cause. During my first week there I was sitting with my younger host sister Ioana, and I warned her that sometime during my stay I might get a little homesick. She gave me a very confused look, pointed outside and told me that all I had to do was go out there. My older host-sister Dana started laughing and explained where the confusion had occurred. They do not have the term "homesick" in Romania, so Ioana thought I meant that I was going to be sick in her house. I quickly learned not to use that phrase any more.

There was the challenge of eating different food. I will always remember the feeling I had when Buni (my host-grandmother) set down a bowl of soup in front of me that had a 3-inch section of a pig's spinal cord, vertebrae and everything, sitting in the middle of the bowl. Let me just say that trying new things was not just a personal choice any more; it was a necessity.

There was also the challenge

beautiful and so full of life and yet do not have the warm and loving family that I have. Instead, they have a crib and the nurses, and the majority of them will end up in an orphanage. We were also able to visit families and do needs-assessments. This gave us the opportunity to really experience what it is like to live in poor conditions. One family that we helped as volunteers lived in a house made entirely of plastic bags. Winters can be very harsh in Romania, and I pray for this family every night and think often about their children.

More importantly was the challenge of being the "odd one out"

for the first time in my life. Something as simple as buying envelopes became a challenge for me. I learned that pointing and nodding became my best way of communicating. I was there with three other girls from America, and whenever we walked down the street we attracted a lot of attention. Partly because two of us were blond, which is not a normal hair color in Romania, and partly because we were loud. Americans just speak louder than Romanians do. Believe me, we got stared at all the time, and even though I kept telling myself that it was because I was so good-looking, in

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Students involved in the Romanian studies program stay with host families. Junior Nicole Classen (right) is pictured here with her younger host sister, Ioana.



During her semester in Romania, junior Nicole Classen volunteered at a hospital for abandoned children.

ful what you pray for, because God will give it to you." What I was going to learn was that, in order for God to give me strength, He had to challenge me first.

I was faced with many challenges in those months. There was

of seeing people living in conditions that I had only heard of. While I was there I took classes and did volunteer work. I got to work in a hospital with abandoned children. My heart just broke for all of these babies. They are all so

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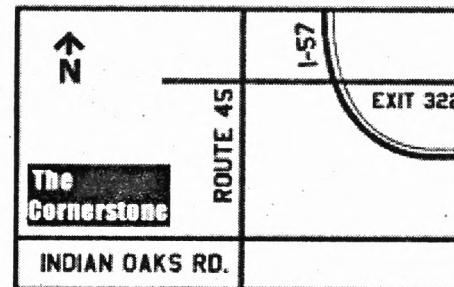
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DAENA STANEK

Features writer

Scoping out the parking lot, you pull your car into the best spot you can find, turn off your ignition, lock the car and jump out. You get to your hall and stick your hand in your pocket. Your keys are missing.

Later on, you check your e-mail and find a note from Lost and Found. "Someone lost a room key on a beaded key chain that says I love (red heart bead) Indiana with a white bead at the end with red lips. Very cute. Unfortunately this is something that I can't use... and I don't necessarily love Indiana," Pam Whalen wrote.

According to Whalen, "I'm not in charge of Lost and Found, but if people find something they bring it here. I try to make them funny. Students will comment that I haven't sent out Lost and Found emails lately."

Pam Whalen has worked at Olivet for ten years in the Counseling and Career Center, the Business department, and Athletics. For three of these most recent years, she has been Divisional secretary in the Social Sciences department, including 5 departments: Sociology, History, Psychology, Family and Consumer Science and Business.

Raised in Manteno, Ill., she went to Manteno High School where she met her husband. They were very good friends and did not start dating until after graduation. A year later they were married. Her family is strongly tied to Olivet; her husband Pat works here as a



Pam Whalen is the woman behind the popular lost and found e-mails.

plumber and her son attends ONU.

She has three boys: Dan, 25; Scott, 22, an ONU senior; and Bryan, 15. Whalen has a granddaughter Morgan who is three years old and another is on the way in March.

Music is a big part of the Whalen family. Dan enjoyed music and has a beautiful voice, and the others kind of started following. Scott is majoring in Church Music and was in "The Messiah" at Olivet. "We are very proud of them and enjoy watching them. We were determined they would all play piano and like it," she said.

She describes herself as pretty easy going with a good sense of humor, and she likes people. "I am very organized and I can multitask pretty well. I like to keep everything moving and I like taking care of everybody, that is kind of my nature."

Whalen's skills come in handy with her job as division secretary; she works for 13 full

time professors. Whalen notes, "They are good about not bombarding because they know I couldn't do everything for everyone." She makes sure they have everything they need for

their classes. She proctors exams, copies, types tests, whatever they need her to do.

Whalen said Dr. Kent Olney, Chair of the Division, has the cleanest office. She declined to say who had the messiest office although she said, "that is a toss up between three people. They know who they are." The most outgoing and fun are Mike LaReau and Gary Koch.

Students are often found in the office talking with Whalen. One recent day, Sarah Windholz was seen discussing the latest episode of her favorite TV show with Whalen. Windholz has worked in the department for two years. "She is like my mom. She's supportive and I love her. She listens to whatever stories we tell her."

Whalen likes to plan the piano and read in her spare time. Recently, she read "The Notebook" and "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks both in three days over Christmas Break. "The

Notebook" is a flashback of a man and his wife. The man is in the nursing home and they create a notebook to remember their life when they forget because of their Alzheimer's. "You can't get through them without crying," she said.

Whalen's favorite shows are "7th Heaven," "ER" and "Everwood."

During the weekends, she likes to relax and this month will be gone every weekend for Brian's Show Choir competitions.

Her family attends First Baptist Church in Manteno where Whalen has been a member all of her life. She teaches 7th and 8th grade Sunday school and is on the Music Committee. During the week, she and her husband drive to work together and eat lunch together every day. They are planning their 30th wedding anniversary trip to Hawaii next year.

"Olivet's a good place to work. We enjoy the Christian environment. I love the people that I work with; they are all very supportive. Pat feels the same way in Building and Grounds," she said.

Favorite things

Ice cream flavor: Baskin Robbins' Jamocha Almond Fudge

Favorite movie: "While You Were Sleeping"

Favorite musician: Jim Brickman, pianist

Favorite color: black and purple

"Semester" cont'd from page 5.

My own experience in Romania has given me insight into the struggles that people who come to America for the first time must face.

Despite all of these challenges, God blessed me immensely! I already mentioned my wonderful host-family, but I also ended up being there with three other amazing girls. We came from three different states and four entirely different backgrounds, and yet we had more in common than anyone could have imagined. Their friendship meant so much to me during that time, and I truly believe that God meant for us to be there together. I also got the

opportunity to travel a little while I was there. We took weekend trips all across Romania to learn about the different cultures and the history of this amazing country. I also got to go to Hungary and Austria over my fall break, and seeing those different countries was so exciting and enriching.

Yes, the Romanian Studies Program was a semester at school. I took 16 hours worth of classes, wrote many papers (12 in fact) and had to spend time studying. I went to classes every day and was held accountable for everything I learned. But it was so much more than that as well. I not only learned about

language, literature and science, but also about life. God taught me more about myself, Himself and His world than I ever could have learned anywhere else.

God changed me in those three months for the better. It is impossible to describe in this article all the amazing things that happened to me while I was there (and if you want to hear more just come ask me, I love talking about it). I definitely am a stronger person than when I left.

The Romanian Studies Program may not be for everyone. You have to be willing to face the unexpected and totally give all the control over to God. You have to be

willing to be stretched, to cry and to laugh at everything (even yourself).

There are many opportunities opening up in Romania for students of all majors. If you want any information, you can go and talk to either Professor Jan Hockensmith in the Social Work Department or Professor Bill Dean. I encourage all students to take the opportunity to study abroad.

It is a challenging experience, but the most important thing to remember is this: *Isus te iubesc*. Jesus loves you, and He has so many wonderful things in store for those who follow His will.

Love does win out

AMANDA SHELLEY

Spiritual Life writer

On Feb. 18, the Olivet community had the opportunity to attend a mini-conference, "Love Won Out," which addressed issues of homosexuality and lesbianism.

Homosexuality is an issue that few people in the church are willing to address, but Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization, has stepped out to help Christians understand and respond to this issue in society.

Olivet faculty, staff and students were privileged to hear speakers Mike Haley and Melissa Fryrear, who have both come out of homosexual life-styles.

Although I appreciated everything that was said, something Haley said struck me especially hard. He talked about making Olivet a "safe place," especially for those who are struggling.

How many of us, if a friend confessed that he or she was struggling with homosexuality, would judge that person, and how many of us would genuinely want to help him or her?

In Matthew, chapter seven, Jesus tells us, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

How many of us have heard that and ignored it? Gay jokes are prevalent and most of us have no difficulty laughing at how homosexuality is portrayed on television.

If we are truly striving to live the lives Christ asks us to, we need to start striving to make Olivet a safe place for everyone.

Hearts are struggling, and they are breaking under the pressure. Why?

Why are students facing huge issues in life alone?

I don't have any statistics to show, but I would bet that at least some, if not many, of the students that we come in contact with everyday are too afraid to admit to their struggles because they're afraid of being judged. They are afraid of stares, rumors and gossip. Or, maybe they're afraid others might see them as weak.

Jesus says to us in Matthew 25:40, "I tell you the truth,

whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Most of us have busy schedules and many of us have our own burdens to carry, but we need to take time to listen to those around us, truly listen. We need to listen not only with our ears but

also with our hearts. It is time to be ready and willing to embrace those who are struggling, not judge them.

We are all sinners in need of a Savior, every single one of us. No sin is greater than another in God's eyes. When a sinner truly repents, God forgets whatever sins they have committed, no matter what they are.

Olivet is often described as a community. A community is designed to support, nurture and love. God never says, "Love only in these circumstances" or "Love only this kind of person." No. He

says, "Love one another as I have loved you." He kept it simple.

God's love is greater than anything we can imagine. It is hard to fathom or define the kind of love that God has for us. One thing is for sure; it is a safe love. We are protected when we are in the grip of grace and in the shadow of His love.

Making Olivet a safe place means loving unconditionally. It means looking inside ourselves and remembering that we are all sinners. We have no right to judge one another. We have no right to make another person feel they are not worthy of God's love. God gives His love freely, and it is time for us to realize that He wants us to do the same.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

What's your reaction?



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"It helped me understand so that if a situation does come up...I will have real answers to help people."

- Kendra Selin

"The Love Won Out chapel really helped give me a better understanding of the homosexual perspective."

- Laura Meyer

"It was a great example of how far God's love and grace go."

- Matt Powell



GlimmerGlass photo by Denise Knee

Kendra Selin and Matt Powell smile after sharing their opinions on last week's chapel.

Helping kids learn about Christ

AMANDA SHELLEY & DAENA STANEK

Spiritual Life writers

The Olivet ministry Disciplers, a children's outreach program, is a great opportunity to get involved in this semester. Junior Rachel Pugh, leader of the group, joins 20 to 25 others who meet regularly with children in Hopkins Park, one of the poorest communities in Illinois.

Bible Witness Camp, a church in Hopkins Park, participates in AWANA, which is an international organization. The name AWANA comes from Second Timothy 2:15.

The acronym AWANA stands for, "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed." Those students who work with Disciplers are not ashamed to love the kids and teach them about Jesus Christ. The main goal is to build relationships with kids and to help them memorize scripture.

The Olivet helpers meet every Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Parrott lobby. The boys meet Monday nights and the girls meet Wednesday nights.

Thursday nights are the high school night and the helpers meet in the Ludwig lobby at 4:45 p.m. Occasionally on Saturdays, the Olivet helpers help with Quiz Day where the kids show how

much they have learned.

"The children and youth of Hopkins Park just need people to care. They need to know that someone is going to stick around all year and come spend time with them each week. They need that consistency in their lives. Reaching these children for Jesus is such an amazing experience," Pugh said.

Those who work with Disciplers spend about 15 minutes talking to and goofing around with the kids. Then, depending on the children's ages, they might go listen to a Bible story or they might play games such as races, bean-bag tosses, etc.

Before the kids have their Bible story, they recite Bible verses that they have learned. Sometimes there is a Bible story, but other times Disciplers will give their testimonies. Children then have a snack and leave.

"I love Disciplers! The kids are amazing and they love you as soon as you walk in the door. I feel like it's a great opportunity to serve God and have fun doing it," Karen Globig said.

If you want to become involved in this ministry to children and teenagers, call Pugh at ext. 6924 or email her at rpugh@olivet.edu.

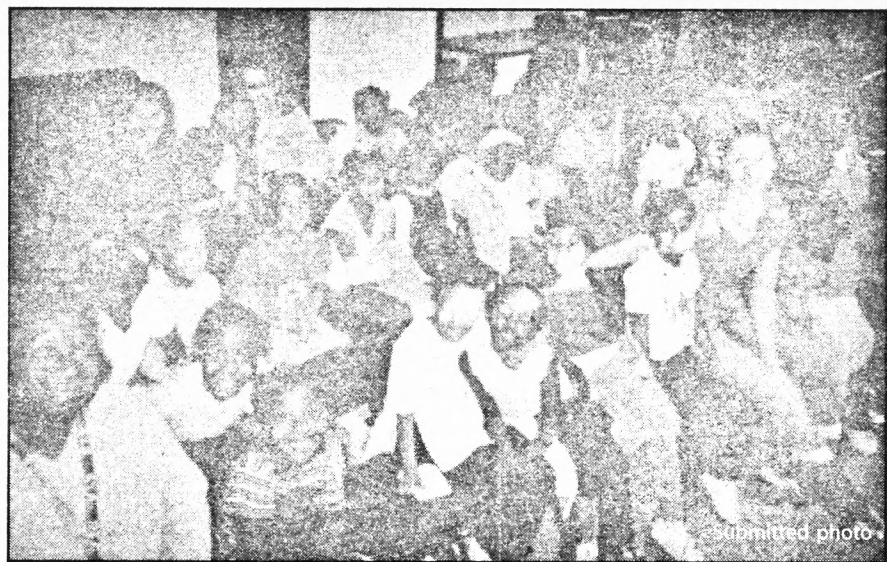


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Two AWANA girls pause from playtime for a moment for a picture.

"The best thing about disciplers is the way that you can be a part of a child's life and help them to mature not only spiritually but also socially, as you are able to become a friend to the kids."

- Jordan Fish



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Groups of AWANA kids get ready to hear a Bible story lesson about God's love for them.

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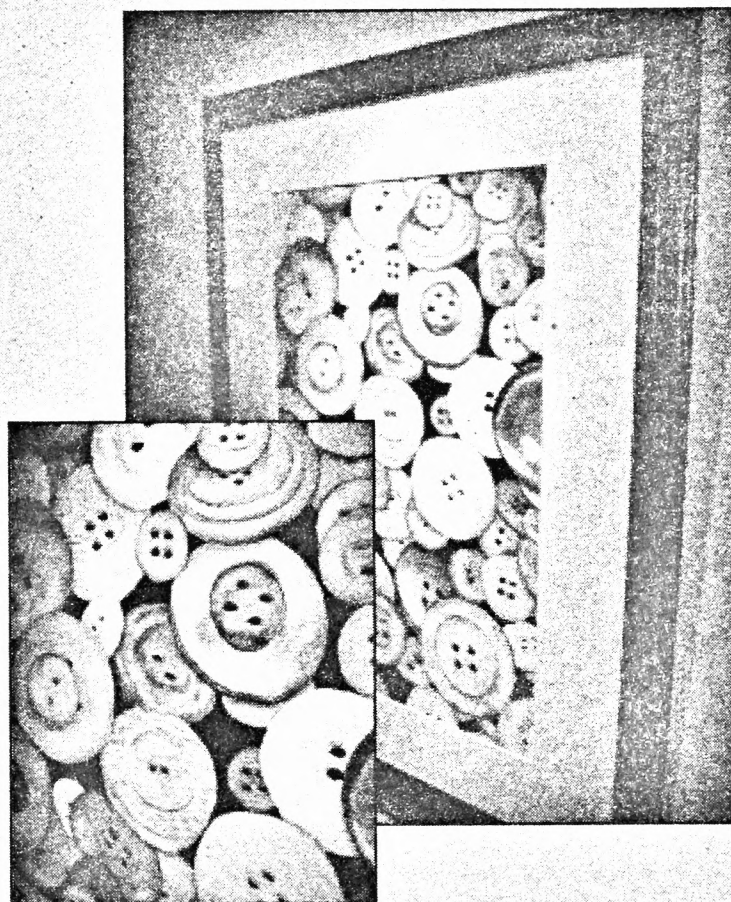
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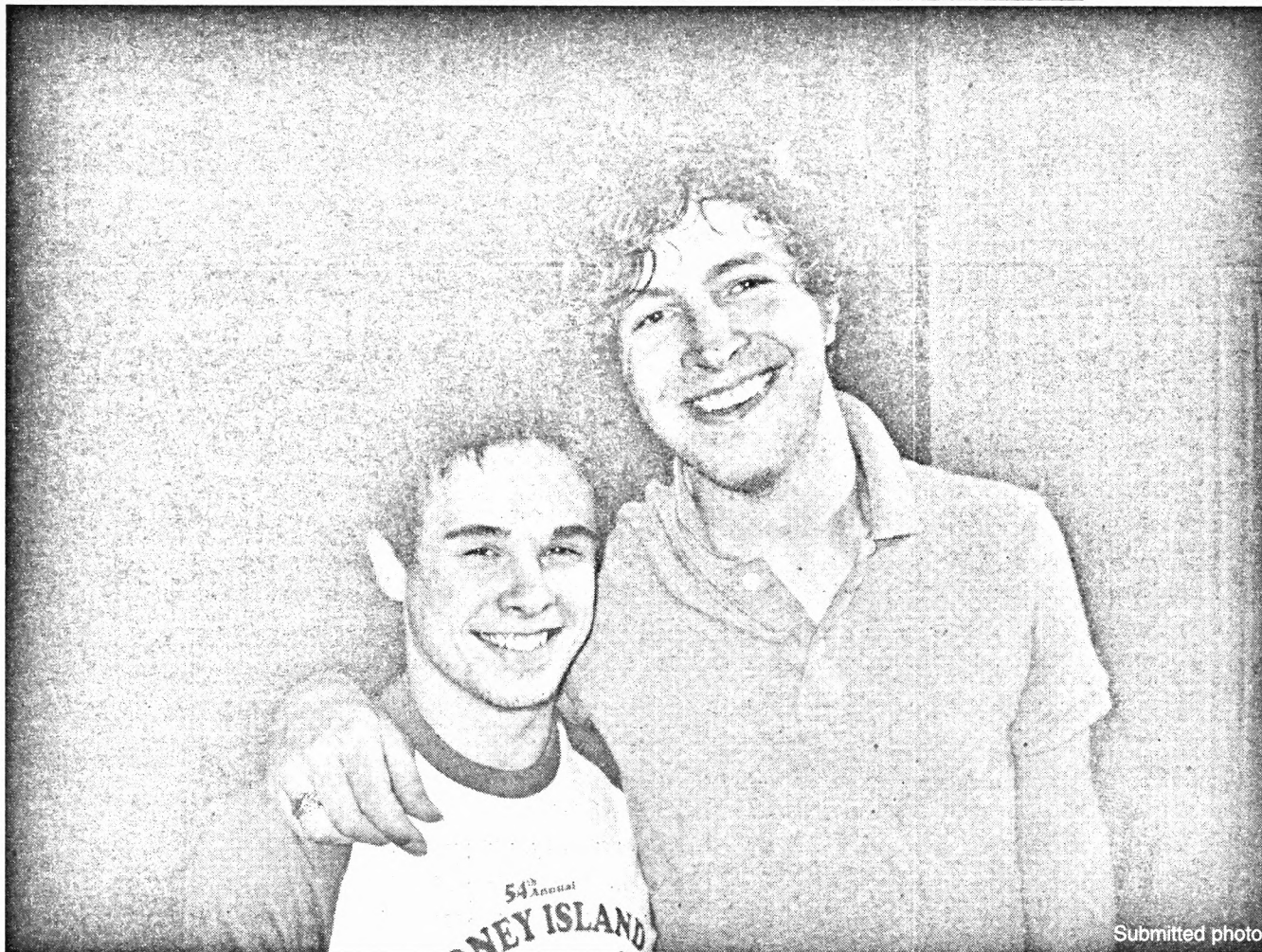
My paintings are a testimony of the hope I have found through Jesus Christ and of the many ways He speaks joy into my life. It is my hope that as people view my art they will see more than just a smiling face or a pretty scene, but that they will seek the significance behind each image.



I always desire to capture more in my artwork than what first meets the eye. When I paint a portrait, I want to look into the eyes I have painted and see into the depths of the soul. Until this is possible, my painting is not complete. If I paint a place, I must capture its essence. The way I feel when I'm in that spot is the experience viewers can have by gazing at my work.

Carol Cheney's senior art show will be on display Feb. 21-28.





Freshman Kiel Wright snapped a quick photo with recording artist Matt Wertz after his concert at Immanuel Baptist Church on Feb. 9.

MUSIC REVIEW

Independent artist Matt Wertz expands interest through grassroots effort

DAVID MITTEN & THOMAS SMITH

Arts and entertainment writers

"Who is Matt Wertz?" Three weeks ago, I was asking the same question; today, however, I listen to the CD whether walking to class, writing a paper, or just sitting around on a lazy afternoon. But let's get back to that initial question.

A Kansas City native, Wertz started college hoping to plan a career in shoe design. After the purchase of a guitar during his freshman year, however, the first notes he plucked started him down the path that where we meet him today: an independent music artist zigzagging the country and enlightening crowds with his refreshing humor and musical talent.

Recently, Wertz made a stop in Kankakee at Immanuel Baptist Church before a crowd of 100 or so. Quirky and witty, yet down-to-earth, Wertz lit up the stage in concert with his laidback stage presence and obvious talent. More amazing, Wertz stood around for hours afterward, signing autographs, talking, and posing for photos with his fans. (This is quite a regular thing for Wertz to do after his concerts.)

Touring aggressively for

the past couple of years, Wertz uses word-of-mouth advertising and other simple marketing forms to draw listeners to small venue shows. From college campuses, to coffeehouses, churches, and lounges, the currently-unsigned Wertz creates a strong following that has even led to several spin-off fan websites and magazine reviews.

Unfortunately, I, your A&E editor, was one of the many Olivet students who looked at the posters in Ludwig and said, "Who is Matt Wertz?" dismissing him as a no-name, down-and-out musician. But really, Wertz is just starting to enter the spotlight, and it's only a matter of time before he hits it big.

Wertz first got my undivided attention upon hearing his latest CD, "Twenty Three Places" from a roommate. On first impression, Wertz' sound is unmistakably similar to the style of John Mayer. Songs like "Counting to 100" and "The Day Forever Died" have that same acoustic pop sound that will make you think of an album like Mayer's "Room for Squares." However, after a couple of listenings, you will start to hear the distinct difference between the two

artists, especially in songs like, "Wesley, Why?" where Wertz takes inspiration from the country-folk genre.

Usually, it's rare to come across a CD where you don't have to make use of the fast-forward button. With "Twenty Three Places," though, it's enjoyable to listen straight through the entire disc. Songs like "Everything's Right" and "That for You" are quick-moving toe-tappers that would appeal to most listeners.

As the CD progresses, the songs become increasingly slower and more sentimental. Love bal-

lads like "Sweetness in Starlight" will probably have a greater appeal among the ladies, while the opening numbers would be of more interest to the guys. Nonetheless, the whole CD is professional, consistent, and easily worthy of becoming an addition to most people's music collections.

If you would like to catch a live performance of what you missed a couple of weeks ago, check out Wertz' website at <http://www.mattwertz.com>. His CD "Twenty Three Places" is available online at the website, along with several other previous recordings.

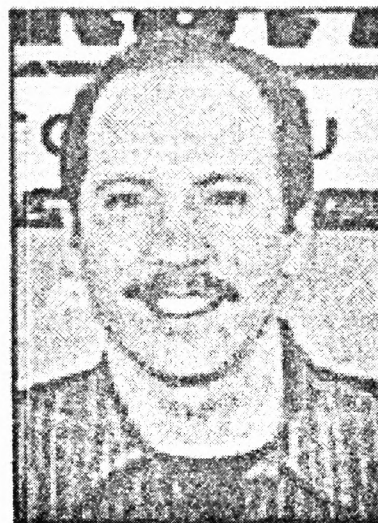
OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

Upcoming Chicagoland concerts offer exciting variety

On Fri., March 19 at 7:30 p.m., "The Carry Away Tour" featuring Shane and Shane, Ginny Owens and Shaun Groves will make a stop in Deerfield, Ill. at Trinity International University. "Carry Away" is also the title of the sophomore release of Shane and Shane, an acoustic-pop duo known well for worship-inspired songs like "Mercy Reigns," "Beauty for Ashes," and "Be Near."

Another upcoming concert opportunity is "The FREE Experience" featuring ZOEGirl, Superchic(k) and Joy Williams, with speaker and host, Susie Shellenberger. "The FREE Experience" will be held in "The Vic" in Chicago, Sat. March 20 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets to both concerts, visit <http://www.itickets.com>.

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Same-sex couples deserve the same rights

DAN AUMILLER

Opinions editor

Nearly 3,000 gay couples have gotten married since San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses on February 12, 2004. Many of these couples had been waiting for years for this opportunity to sanctify their relationship. According to a recent article on MSNBC.com, daily celebrations are happening in predominantly homosexual neighborhoods across San Francisco. And they have every right to be happy.

Throughout all of America's history, homosexuals have been denied the right to get married or even to seek out an alternative to marriage. This does not agree with the principles of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" that America was founded on. Now San Francisco and the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court are attempting to cut a path for same-sex marriages and America is in an uproar.

President Bush declared on February 24, 2004 that he plans to support an amendment to the Con-

stitution that would clearly define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Democratic frontrunner Sen. John Kerry is opposed to gay marriage, but supports civil unions. Elizabeth Birch, director of the Human Rights Campaign and a self-proclaimed lesbian, told Wolf Blitzer that, "if President Bush was sincere, he'd propose an amendment to ban divorce. That would help marriage." The American population is divided with a wide variety of statistics proving that every side and no side is in the lead.

Christians are particularly irate about same-sex marriages because they go directly against what the Bible has planned for marriage. Many fundamentalist Americans believe that if same-sex marriages are legalized, they will destroy the sanctity of marriage. Nothing could be further from the truth. Frankly put, there is no sanctity left in marriage because heterosexual couples have already eroded away any morality or sanctity that once existed in the custom.

Marriage was once an eter-

nal union of two souls joined by power of God's love. Now marriage has become a temporary stop on the road of life, if you even choose to get off on that exit at all. *Newsweek* opinions writer Barbara Kantrowitz described the relationship between 35-year-old Amber Settle, a professor at DePaul University in Chicago and her boyfriend. Although Settle is eight months pregnant and has been with her partner for eight years, she sees no need to bother with the formalities of marriage.

"[More important than marriage] is that we make sure our relationship is strong," Settle told *Newsweek*. "We will be Mom and Dad in every way that's important." If Settle's example is not enough to prove the decay of marriage, consider Britney Spear's 24-hour marriage fiasco. Did God have anything to do with that?

Throughout the entire New Testament, Christ never called his followers to impose their will on others. Quite to the contrary, in Matthew Chapter 10 Jesus commanded

his disciples to simply shake the dust off their feet instead of pressing those who refused to listen. Instead of attempting to force non-Christians to follow a certain marriage path, the church should instead focus on promoting Christ's love and holiness. The minds of non-Christians will never be changed by the arguments of Christians, but they will be changed by the awesome power of Christ.

If the federal government is allowed to forbid homosexuals from getting married simply because it goes against the teachings of the Bible, what should happen to the rest of the Americans who want to get married but aren't Christians? Constitutionally banning the rights of those who are not Christians would set a dangerous precedent. Civil rights should not depend on what religion a person chooses to follow. Instead, America should focus on distributing rights equally among all of its citizens.

"The realization of the Defense of Marriage Act seems a logical, scriptural way for Christians to deal with the tough issue of gay marriages."

Same-sex unions scripturally unsound

STEPHEN E. FOXWORTHY

Opinions editor

Massachusetts has seemingly embraced the idea. San Francisco has tried to adopt it, but Governor Arnold put his foot down. President Bush has recently banned them across the nation. Legalization of marriages between homosexuals has been plastered all over the news lately as politicians and private citizens alike begin to struggle with their own thoughts on the matter.

It is difficult for a Christian to know where exactly to stand on this issue without appearing to be a bigot. However, for a clear understanding of God's view of homosexuality, a Christian need go no further than Scripture. Romans 1 describes the effect when men and women turned their hearts from Him. Verse 24 says "God gave them up

in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves." Later on, as a parenthetical aside back to the above verse, the apostle Paul states "God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another" (v. 26-27).

According to this passage, the same sex relationship should be viewed as "degrading" and "unnatural". The divine intent of sexual union has always been intended to be male and female. The fact that God chose woman to be man's partner, rather than choosing another man was not accidental, as Genesis 1:24 states: "Therefore, a man leaves his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh."

The recent Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) has been circulating for a few years now and is finally beginning to resurface with recent talk of same-sex marriages. This act calls for creating an inability for states to legalize the unions of homosexuals. It also calls for the definition of the terms "spouse" and "marriage", where "the word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife." The bill seems to be gaining popularity in many state legislatures. On February 3, Ohio became the thirty-eighth state of fifty in the Union to pass the DOMA.

A poll taken in December of last year also stated that a majority of Americans would not support the legalization of same-sex mar-

riages.

Many may see support of this bill as thoroughly bigoted move on the part of many, but in light of recent chapels, I would tend to disagree. Homosexuals are people, yes, and American citizens, true. However, as Christians, we need to show that 'tough' love, that is, letting them know that we love them for who they are, but *not* what they are doing. The realization of the Defense of Marriage Act seems a logical, scriptural way for Christians to deal with the tough issue of gay marriages. It allows us to say that we accept homosexuals, as people while at the same time, letting them know that we disagree with certain practices of theirs. It is, as this author sees it, the perfect line for the believer to walk.

Souls from the grave

EMMANUEL JACKSON

Opinions writer

Thinking about the past and our brutal history
It's been so well documented, so it has no mystery
I can hear the souls talk from the grave
They want to know, why we living like slaves
We are held in chains, not in plantations,
but by mental limitations, and illegal occupations
The souls want to know, was their work in vain?
We talk about their hurt, but really don't feel their pain
Were Freddrick Douglass' footprints stepped on?
Was Martin Luther King's dream slept on?
Black History Month, what's behind the name?
We are burning down the legend and the history is up in flames
I hear the souls of the slaves who fought for freedom
They can't stand the modern day slaves, who's decision steals their freedom
So much wealth in our people, but poor kids! Who feeds them?
We overlook the less athletic, and say who needs them
The souls from the grave, want us to pay attention
Stop talking so much, be still and listen
Try to feel how those souls felt,
They couldn't control, the cards they were dealt,
but our dream for ice needs to melt,
We have false perceptions, of what being free is about
All about getting rich,
Was that what Martin Luther King's dream was about?
Murder, rape, sexual abuse, drug sales, lack of dignity,
Showing body parts, cursing, drinking all on TV
Making jokes about our well fought history

Do we really care about the past? That's a mystery
We kill each other, steal from each other,
Tear each other down
We should pray and fight to keep the
Foundation built on bloody ground,
Men and women years ago lost their lives
but we make entertainment that glorify our struggle
That's not the goal, we lost in our struggle
No respect, no self-pride,
Only if you can see the faces of those who cried
Only if you can see the scars of those who fought
Only if you can hear the teachings of those who taught
Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Marcus Garvey,
Rosa Parks, Mya Angelou, Thurgood Marshall,
Just a few names, some alive, some deceased
but all lived for the same dream, to see the peace
Think about those who died, those who were killed
Don't be selfish, the foundation that has been broken
Help rebuild
Help guide, help seek
Help with your writings, actions, love and speech
Don't live by the standards of this generation
Because we are living in a dark and lost nation
Strive to shed some light,
Don't give up the fight the slaves fight
Don't think shallow, Don't live in sorrow,
Start right now, shaping the destiny of tomorrow
Do what's smart, do what's right
Because in a dark room, an inch of light can be bright
We are living now, but don't live like a slave
If you are lost, just be quiet, listen and be guided
By the stories, from those souls from the grave

Reality TV ignores reality

DAN AUMILLER & STEPHEN E. FOXWORTHY

Opinions editors

A situation has come to our attention that is so dire, so important, so deserving of our attention that it must be addressed here and now. The regularly scheduled article for this space has been postponed until next issue while we make this imperative announcement/observation.

Last Tuesday marked the darkest hour in broadcast history since Orson Welles' infamous "War of the Worlds" debuted in 1938. Even as the Hawaii primaries were underway and the fate of our nation's future was at stake, voter turnout was shaky at best. The cause? Hawaiians decided they would rather stay at home and watch their native son Jonah Moananu compete on *American Idol*.

This sickening turn of events only goes to show the tragic state this Union is in. When Americans would rather watch Richard Hatch scheming on his island than Rev. Al Sharpton scheming for his chance at political glory, there is a problem. When "average joes" and "big, fat, obnoxious fiancées" appeal to us more than Sen. John Kerry and Sen. John Edwards put together, that problem has become an epidemic. When we'd rather see Andrew

Firestone get the girl than George W. Bush get the election, that epidemic has risen to crisis status.

Reality TV has stolen the mind and soul of our nation and we want it back! Rather than killing brain cells in front of the idiot box, why don't you simply step into the outside world and do something useful. Register to vote. Donate blood. Join the Army, but for love of all things good, right and holy don't let Reality TV happen to you.

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SPORTS

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upcoming games

Basketball(M) vs. St. Francis

February, 28 @ 3:00 p.m.

McHie Arena

Baseball vs. Wheaton Col.

February, 28 @ 12:00 p.m.

Snowbarger Athletic Park

Basketball(W) vs. St. Francis

February, 28 @ 1:00 p.m.

Softball team prepares for season with second straight NAIA World Series in mind

SETH LEWIS

Sports writer

Last season the softball team here at ONU put on a stunning show taking them to a third place finish at the NAIA World Series. This year the team has high hopes of returning to the series not only to compete but to come home with a championship.

Last year's 61-13 record can barely be improved upon. However, with the loss of some upperclassmen there is room and the team intends to do so.

Leading the team is Coach Ritchie Richardson who is in for his ninth season as head coach of the Tigers. Richardson has guided the Tigers to five CCAC regular season titles, six CCAC Tournament championships, four NAIA region VII titles and four NAIA World Series appearances.

Alumni pitcher Amanda



Kylie Fenter (20), senior, slides in a recent game. Fenter is one of seven upperclassmen on the team this year.

Jensen was taken with the 12th pick overall in the Pro Fast pitch Draft by the Arizona Heat of the still new Pro Fast pitch Softball league. With her departure, a spot opens in the rotation for freshman Megan Smalley to possibly start. Senior Liz Beirne and sophomore Emily

Johnston, who both won 29 games last season return in the pitching line-up.

The Tigers return a total of seven upperclassmen. Six of the returning upperclassmen started all of last year. Among those returners are Kylie Fenter at third base, Alicia Hamel at second base, Alison Konsoer at catcher, and Cassandra Berger, Christina Shelton, and Tiffany Jones in the outfield.

The Tigers are currently ranked fourth in the NAIA national poll. While this preseason poll has limited value, it is still a great sign that the ONU softball program has gained a great deal of recognition in the league.

The 2004 ONU softball team has tasted the excitement of the NAIA World Series and is ready to return.

THE SKINNY

Basketball (Men) (15-13, 7-5)

IU - South Bend W 93-85

Purdue- Calumet L 47-54

Ill. Institute of Tech. W 89-77

Barat College. W 120-76

Basketball (Women) (14-16, 5-5)

IU - South Bend L 67-73

Purdue- Calumet L 67-77

Ill. Institute of Tech. W 78-48

Indoor Track (Men)

DePauw University

6th - 31 points

NCCAA National Indoor

4th - 70 points

Indoor Track (Women)

DePauw University

6th - 43 points

NCCAA National Indoor

7th - 42 points

Baseball (3-0) #11

Union University W 12-2

Bethel College W 7-1

W 9-5

Softball (0-0) #4

Lindenwood Univ. Cancel

Cancel

McKendree Col. Cancel

Cancel

Tennis (Men) (0-1)

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Grand Valley State L 4-5

Aquinas College Cancel

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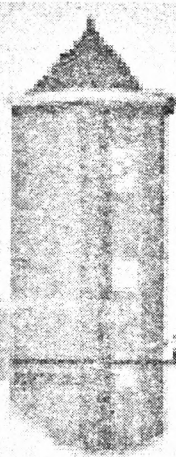
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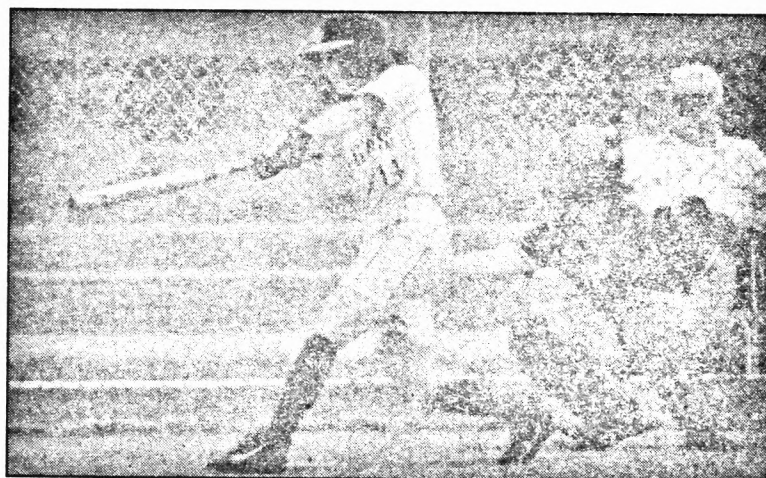
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Alicia Hamel (14) shows perfect form in her swing. Hamel is a returning starter at second base.

KEEPING SCORE

Each week "Keeping Score" will feature one man and one woman that performed exceptionally well over the past two weeks.

Jenny Ellis

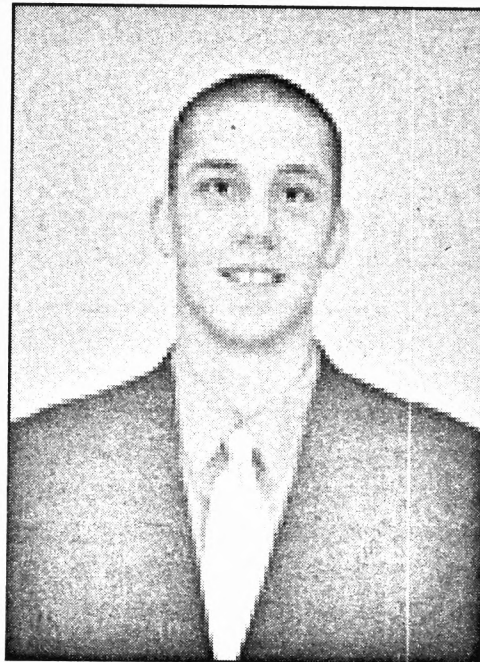
Freshman from Barrington, Ill.
Sport: Indoor Track
Position: Runner

Feat: Setting a school record in the mile race with a time of 5:12.25. This time also earned her first place in the event at the DePauw invitational and qualified her for the NAIA national meet. Ellis also qualified for nationals in the 1000 meter at the same invitational.



Erik Rhinehart

Junior from Westville, Ind.
Sport: Basketball
Position: Center (#42)
Feat: Quietly averaging 7 total rebounds and at least one steal in the last 4 games. Although Rhinehart doesn't always show up with a big score, he consistently and effectively patrols the middle. This is Rhinehart's first year with the Tigers after his transfer from Kalamazoo College.



Coach Hodge inducted into Hall of Fame

ANDY MAYNARD

Sports Editor

Coach Ralph Hodge has been selected for one of the highest honors in Illinois basketball. He has been selected to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

After 23 seasons at Olivet,

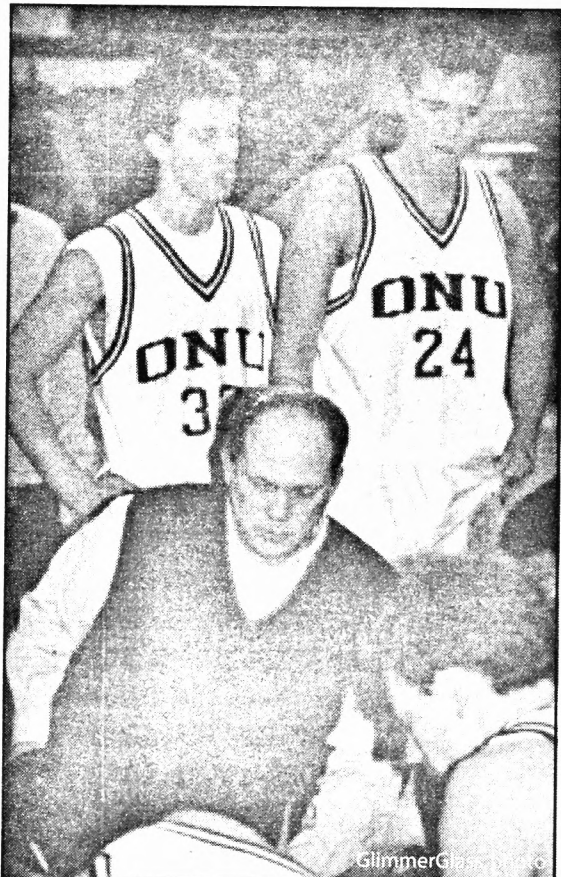
but has lead the Tigers to 11 appearances in the NAIA national tournament. His leadership in Olivet's basketball program has been one of the most consistent programs in the NAIA.

In addition to his outstanding skills as a coach, he is also a great mentor. Only one of his players that have been on the team through their senior year has failed to graduate. In addition to keeping a great retention rate, Coach Hodge has seen five players named NAIA Scholar Athletes.

Coach Hodge graduated from Olivet in 1975 and returned to coach Olivet's basketball team in 1979 under then head coach C. W. Ward.

The Illinois Basketball Coach's Hall of Fame inducts coaches, players, teams, officials, media and other friends of basketball each year from within the state's

High School and College teams. It is housed at the Holiday Inn in Normal, Illinois.



Coach Hodge counsels his team while team members Jeremy Riddle (32) and Brandon Barr (24) look on.

Coach Ralph Hodge is reaping the benefits of his consistent coaching. Not only has Coach Hodge reached the plateau of 500 wins

National qualifiers for NAIA indoor track

The Indoor track season lasts less than two months. In that short amount of time, Olivet has qualified to compete at the national level in 9 separate events.

The National meet for both men and women will take place on March 6-8 in

Johnsonville, Tenn.

The Tigers still have one more meet to make the qualifying times and distances. For those that have already qualified, they will be fighting in order to improve their seeding.

Men's Qualifiers

200 Meter Dash

Kevin Hill

1 Mile Run (1500 meter)

Kyle Rago
Doug Swanson

Shot Put

Josh Franklin
Aaron Taggart

Pentathlon

John Huffman

Women's Qualifiers

600 Meter Run

Sara Batkewicz

800 Meter Run

Carmin Green
Sara Batkewicz

1000 Meter Run

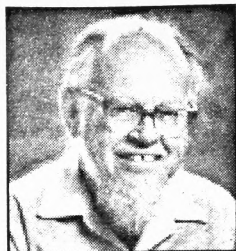
Carmin Green
Jenny Ellis

1 Mile Run (1500 meter)

Jenny Ellis
Carmin Green
Erica Batkewicz

Distance Medley

Sara Batkewicz,
Carmin Green, Jenny Ellis, and Sarah Juenger



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Sadie Hawkins Dance in my khaki pants

ERIN RUMBLEY

Executive editor

"Girls ask the guys, it's always a surprise. There's nothing better!" Relient K captures the spirit of Sadie Hawkins Day and the idea of girls chasing down their favorite guy and asking him to the dance. However, the tradition of

Sadie Hawkins Day began long before the guys of Relient K were around. The story originated in Al Capp's Lil Abner comic strip on November 15, 1937.

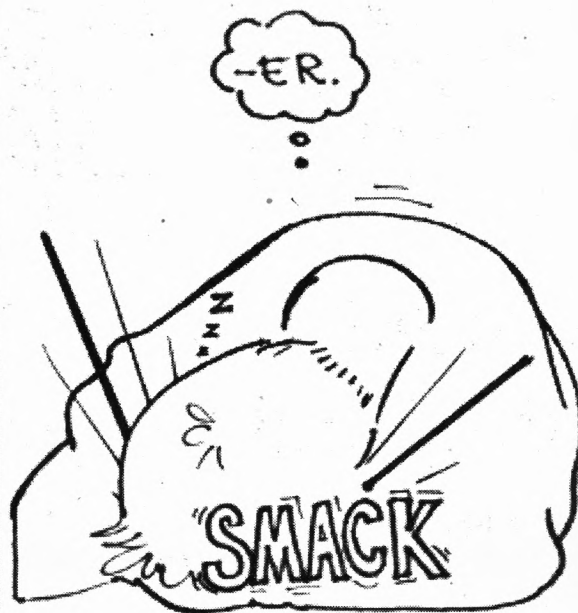
Hekzebiah Hawkins, the mayor of Dogpatch, was afraid his homely

daughter Sadie would never find a husband, so he came up with the idea of a Sadie Hawkins race. He lined up all the eligible bachelors of Dogpatch and gave them a 10 second head start on the unmarried fe-

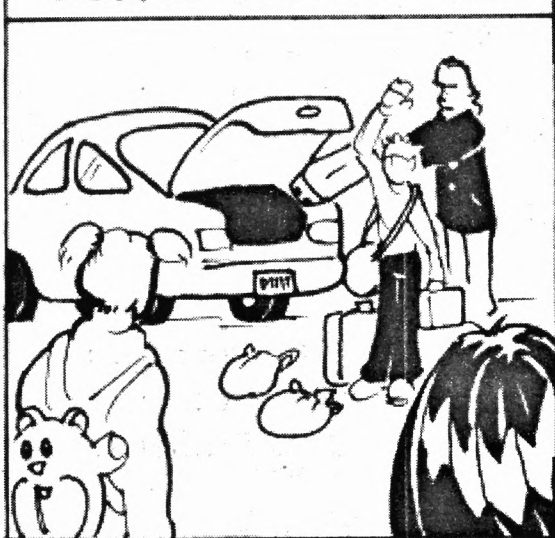
males. Each girl had the chance to catch a man and bring him back (usually kicking and screaming) to a shotgun wedding. During the 1940s and 1950s, teenagers came up with the idea of a Sadie Hawkins Dance where the girls invited the guys - a much more tame version of the idea.

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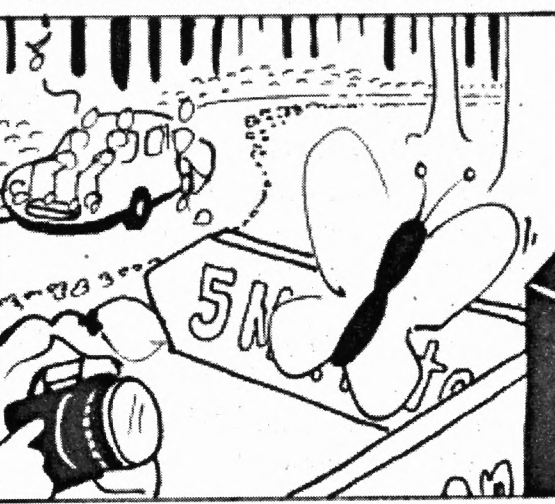
7TH HOUR STATE BY DAVID MOORE



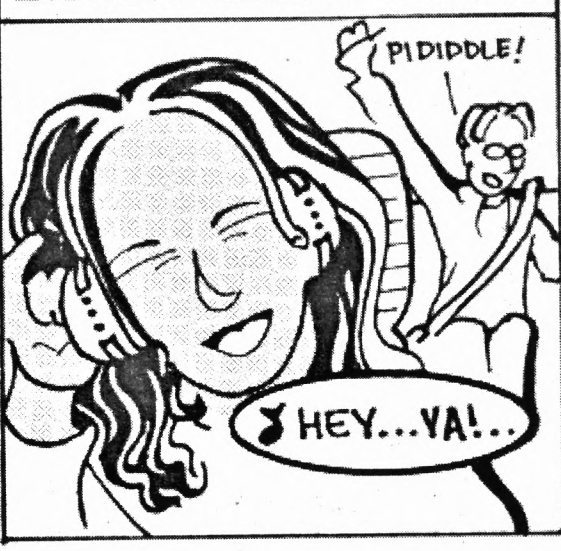
DURING SPRING BREAK TWO GROUPS OF FRIENDS PLAN TO DRIVE TO ORLANDO, FL.



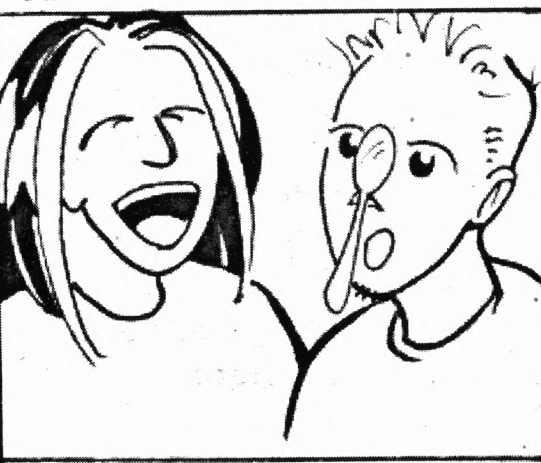
THE FIRST GROUP DEPARTS AT 9:00AM AND TAKES THE SCENIC ROUTE AT AN AVERAGE SPEED OF 50MPH.



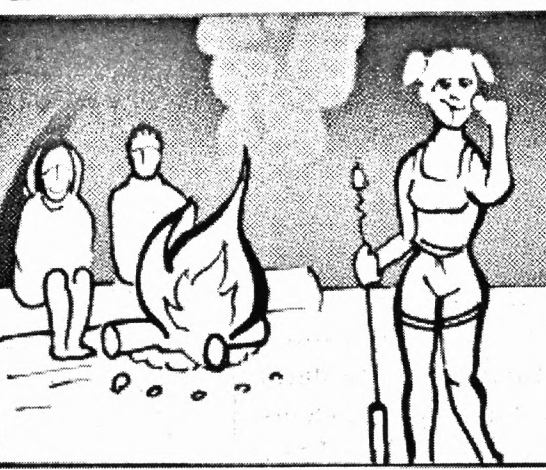
THE SECOND GROUP LEAVES AT 2:00PM BUT TAKES A SHORTER ROUTE AT 65MPH.



GROUP A STOPS AT SIT-DOWN RESTAURANTS TWICE AS OFTEN AS GROUP B AND SPENDS A TOTAL OF 6 HOURS THERE.



IF THERE ARE NO OTHER DELAYS, HOW SOON WILL EACH GROUP ARRIVE AT THEIR SPRING BREAK DESTINATION?



I SEE MANY OF YOUR MINDS HAVE STARTED PACKING ALREADY.



Ask Cap'n Slappy

CAP'N SLAPPY

Study Break writer

Here I am again, the Magic Eight Ball of wisdom! Shake me and watch my triangular answers rise to the top of the murky glass of life!

Dear Cap'n Slappy,

I am a male Family and Consumer Science Major and my species is near extinction. Surely I can't be the only male on campus who likes to sew, clean and cook, but I digress. What am I doing with my life?

Focusing on Family

Dear Focusing,

Why, you're learning how to be a submissive housewife, of course! In this brave new world in which we live, where the women are entering the workplace and taking more active and aggressive roles, its time for us men to take a step back and tidy up the place. I'm willing to be that your experience will make you the best

wife any woman could ask for! Keep it up, Focusing!

Dude,

I've been checking up on the election and things are looking to be pretty whack. Democrats dropping like flies and Bush hasn't even started yet. How come we haven't heard anything on your front for a while?

Wes Hall

Dear Wes,

My running mate, Mayor McCheese, and I were momentarily waylaid by Fry Guy lobbyists regarding our controversial stance on McNugget marriages. The McDonaldland vote now secured, we are turning our sights towards the national election. Let's start with my stances on the issues: I'm pro Democrats dropping out of the election, as it means more room for me! Better are my chances still if W. continues to wait and, if my luck holds, never actually ends up

running for president again. I am for the prohibition of public flatulence and regression of the expansion. I also believe that money being used for AIDS research can be put to a better use, like finding a cure for baldness or trisikidecaphobia. Standing upon this platform of righteousness, I believe that the Slapp shall rise again in '04!

Dear Slappy,

I have lost my voice! What should I do?

Whispering in Weber

Dear Whispering,

Leave it alone and it will come home, wagging its tail behind it. But seriously, if you're still in Weber contact Pam Whalen. She attracts lost items like fundamentalist dogma attracts Baptists.

Dear Cap'n Slappy,

I was dissecting a fetal pig today and forgot to wear gloves!

Now my hands perpetually smell like an odd combination of formaldehyde and bacon! Can I still have a pure heart?

Reeking in Reed

Dear Reeking,

Generally clean hands come as a result of a pure heart, but fortunately for you, God doesn't look at the outside appearance (or in your case, odor). Somehow I think that if Christ could love Lazarus when he came out of the tomb, He can stand the stench of anyone, even you!

Speaking of pure hearts, my doctor recommended that I chug some Drain-o to clear my arteries. Don't want to end up like Dick Cheney when I reach the Oval Office!

Clear your own mental pipes by e-mailing your questions to slappycaptain@hotmail.com!

Zie Gezundt!

The Cap'n

Another way to put those GGs to good use



Build a fort and protect it with your life. You never know when a girl might try to get a little too close -- the fort will always protect you!! What a great way to save yourself from Leap Day and the Sadie Hawkins Dance. What self-respecting Olivet male wants all the single girls running after him anyway??

What are these days all about???
Read about it on page 15.



"Sadie" cont'd from page 15

February 29 has often been considered Sadie Hawkins Day, but the true date is November 15, the day Capp's comic strip first appeared. The reason for the confusion is that Leap Day has an even longer tradition of females instigating relationships. It began in the fifth century in Ireland when St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick that women were languishing away waiting for a man to ask their hand in marriage. She kept nagging him until St. Patrick agreed to give women the chance to propose marriage once every four years -- on leap day.

In 1288 Scotland ruled that a woman could propose on leap day and if the man refused, he could be fined! Throughout history and often during the nineteenth century, Leap Year Balls had been held all during the leap year, and during the balls a woman had the right to propose marriage. If the man declined the proposal, he was obliged to buy the woman a silk dress and give her a kiss on the cheek.

So, ladies, Leap Day is quickly approaching, and there is no reason to let the tradition die. With the ratio of girls to guys on this campus, the probability of that special man asking you the important question is getting smaller. So why not take a chance -- follow the example of good old homely Sadie Hawkins and run after your favorite bachelor. "There's nothing better. Baby, do you like my sweater???"